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In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A tool for aiding the removal of a fastening member from a structure to which it is attached by means of a threaded connection, the tool comprising: an elongate body member (30) having first and second ends, the first ends having means (31) for deforming an end face of the fastening member to provide an area of purchase thereon; and means (44) to cause rotation of the fastening member to unscrew the fastening member from the structure, the tool being characterized in that a mandrel (38) is provided which is spring mounted within the body member and arranged to engage with the end face of the fastening member for locating the first end of the body member with respect to the end face of the fastening member.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein said means to cause rotation comprises attachment means for the attachment of an operating member (44) and wherein the attachment means is located at the second end of the body member (30).
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) A tool according to claim 3, wherein the means to cause rotation, ~~the attachment means of the operating member further~~

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comprises an impact means ~~44 for both imparting a blow to the tool and providing the means for rotation.~~

6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the means for deforming the fastening member comprises at least one cutting means (31') for biting into said end face.
8. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 7, wherein the cutting means includes at least one angled cutting edge.
9. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 7, wherein the cutting means comprises a blade ring (31) having blades arranged around an aperture formed in the blade ring.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the first end of the body member is provided with an aperture running longitudinally through the center of the body member.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 9, wherein the aperture enables a bolt or similar object, on which is threaded a fastening member,

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to be lowered into the body member such that the blades (14, 31) come into contact with an end face of said fastening member.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the leading end of the mandrel (38) is tapered.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the tool is provided with means (43) for preventing peripheral damage to the structure.

22. (Original) The tool according to claim 21, wherein a cover or shroud (43) is provided to surround the means for deforming the end face of the fastening member.

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